hazards to human life particularly children;

(b) the number of manhole deaths during 1990, 1991 and so far in 1992 due to fall in manholes and the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by Government to prevent such accidents and the action taken against Municipal staff and those concerned for negligence leaving manholes open and uncovered; and

(d) what was the amount of compensation paid to the next of kin of those killed in such accidents ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) and (b) The MCD has reported the number of deaths due to fall in manholes as under :—

Year & No. of deaths
1990—Nil
1991—3
1992—Nil.
(Upto 31-10-92)

(c) The Municipal Corporation of Delhi has reported that following steps have been taken to prevent such accident.

(i) Control Rooms have been set up in each zone for receiving complaints regarding missing manhole covers.

(ii) Manhole covers have been provided at such Control Room for replacement as soon as a complaint is received.

(iii) Periodical survey is being conducted by the Sanitation Department of MCD to replace manhole covers where missing.

Municipal Corporation of Delhi has stated that one Assistant Sanitary Inspector and one Safai Karamchari have been placed under suspension.

(d) An amount of Rs. 5,000/- is given as *ex-gratia* relief to the bereaved families in such cases.

Secessionist Activities of Pattali Makkal Katchi

1054. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:
SHRI V. NARAYANSAMY :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an article which appeared in the Times of India (New Delhi) dated the 11th October, 1992 under the heading 'No more garden of peace';

(b) if so, whether the Government are aware about the anti-national and secessionist activities of Pattali Makkal Katchi (PMK) in Tamil Nadu; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Reports have been received by Government of India about the activities of Pattali Makkal Katchi (PMK) in Tamil Nadu. The Government is alive to the issues concerned.

Attacks on Indians in Jammu Region by ISI of Pakistan

1055. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the attack on Indian by the Inter-Services Intelligence of Pakistan has been extended to Jammu also; and

(b) what steps Government are contemplating to stop Pakistan's infiltration and killing the people in Jammu region ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) In the recent months, militants, with the active support of Pakistan, have stepped up violence in some areas of the Jammu Region, particularly the Doda district.